

times very feeble, & is an object of
much solicitude - I hope to receive them
this afternoon, at the Hudson R.R.,
on their way to Newport, where my son
has taken lodgings, with a view to trying
the sea air. I accompany them, at
their urgent request, but shall not make
any stay if, as I allow myself to
hope, Mrs C. should appear to be on the
menu - I have heard nothing, whatever,
from Boston, or Cambridge, & know
not whether Mr. Loring is yet married,
so I have not ventured to tender him
my good wishes. The Mudfoss met,
last week, at New Haven - Torrey was
there, & Maj. Delaune. I saw them both
before they started, but not since. I do
not know what Botanists they had -
or could have - except Torrey - Agassiz
has been making himself enemies,
in certain quarters, by his published
views on the diversity of origin of
the human race - The wretched Webster
is to be executed on the 30th. The papers
say that it is rumoured he has now
made a second confession, acknowledging
premeditated murder, but this is not so.

Jane Street, 26 Augt. 1850.

~~I send you \$500
Bills. My dear Gray, alone out of your
dear family could more truly rejoice
than I have done at your happy tidings.
I pray GOD that your dear wife may
conquer so much & that should I have
the pleasure of seeing her again, I
may witness the evidence of it in her
good looks & cheerful spirits - In the
mean time, I may assure you to find my best
love to her with increased sympathy
and cordial regards - I am well pleased
to hear of your account of my old
friend Agassiz - I nothing doubt, but
that you mere happy amidst such
kind & congenial spirits - You are very
well & may live to reach the years of
my son's departure Webster - I am very
sorry to hear what you tell of Booth -
My very kind regards to Mr. Bell,
any other of the friendly hearts who
have endeared me to you.~~

C. P. C.

~~I rec'd your pgs. I departed with
you for Cambridge to catch a hasty package
of London Plants which I expected to be
forwarded, as you desired. He said~~

it was probable that it might go by the present conveyance (Dingrave) but he was not quite sure. He said also that you would know where to apply for it, in London, at their Office - You will observe that I have sent you many Specimens where I could - as I thought they would be acceptable to your friends, & I have also added a few things which I had, on hand, from Short & others.

Chapman's Cyperaceæ are particularly rich & good, & you will see I have supplied you liberally. The Grapes are also pretty good. I have sent Chapman's Nsp. names, in all cases, & hope the Publishers will respect them, as I fear Chapman will never himself publish his new things. Try to get an authentic bit of Kunth's Polygonia bicolor (or at least 1 or 2 fls. & seeds) - You will see the plant, in Chapman's Collect., with which I wish it compared - I have discovered another error in the Flora, in this genus, which I should like to straighten out, in a paper - if the opportunity ever serves. Also, when you are amongst the bookshops, ask if they have

any add. vols. of D.C. Prod. & make a new. offshoot, with the price & shop. If I could make up my broken set, clearly, I should like to do it, but will not trouble you with a list of the required volumes, at present, at least. By the way, my brother told me that your old publisher, Wiley, failed some 2 or 3 months ago - as you have done well in the charge you made. I have but little news for you - Toney & the girls are all well, but Mrs. S. has been very feeble, all the summer, I hear tho' I have not seen her, having refused many most kind invitations to Princeton. My brother is, as usual, Mr. Sam. C. was confined a fortnight ago, at her Mother-in-law's house, opposite Westmin. The infant died shortly after its birth, but she, I hear, is doing well - I have seen very little of my own young folks, as they have been travelling all the summer, but, I am concerned to say that Mr. C. was taken suddenly & seriously ill, some 5 weeks ago, in Maryland, & tho' after 3 weeks detention, my son was enabled to get her to her brother's at Rokeby (near Barrytown) yet she con-